

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claims 16-18 have been allowed. Claims 1-15 and 19-20 have been rejected and cancelled. Claim 16 is currently amended. Support for this amendment is found on page 5, lines 36-37. This amendment should not affect patentability. Any alkali metal will work. The former claim language specifying "sodium" perborate was not the reason for allowance. There is no reason the claims should be limited to "sodium perborate". A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Respectfully submitted,



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